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Applicant: Shunichi SOMA *et al.*

Title: ORTHODONTIC REMEDIES
CONTAINING PTH

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a reply to an Office Action, mailed November 19, 2001, that imposed (i) a restriction under 35 USC §121 between five classes of claims and (ii) a multi-level species-election requirement. By virtue of the appended petition and payment, the present response is timely. Nevertheless, the PTO is authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

With respect to item (i), applicants elect Group I (claims 22 - 28, 43, 45 and 47 - 50), without prejudice to their option of filing further application(s), directed to non-elected claims. As to item (ii), applicants elect the species that encompasses continuous, systematic administration of PTH (1-34). Elected claims 22, 26, 28, 43, 45 and 46 are deemed generic to this species.

Applicants await an early action on the merits of the present application

Respectfully submitted,

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